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Documentary About Dialogues Between Jews and Palestinians to be Shown at Central Library *"Talking Peace" a Film by SDSU Professor Mark Freeman*

SAN DIEGO – "Talking Peace," a documentary about dialogues between Jews and Palestinians, will be shown Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. An open discussion about the topics presented in the film will be held following the screening. This event is FREE to the public.

The event will be presented by the City of San Diego Public Library, Center for Islamic and Arab Studies, and the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies.

"Talking Peace" is a project of Mark Freeman, an associate professor of the School of Theatre, Television and Film at San Diego State University. For a year, Freeman attended and filmed the monthly meetings of a Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue group in San Diego. Based on interviews with Palestinians and Jews who participated in that dialogue group, the film addresses the promises as well as the challenges of reaching out across a deep political divide in times of great tension.

The Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies, founded in spring 2000, administers the minor in Islamic and Arabic Studies at SDSU and is committed to supporting teaching and research focused on the lives of Muslim and Arabic-speaking peoples past and present. The Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies at San Diego State University was founded in 1985 and derives its funding from an endowment established by a major contribution by Bernard and Dorris Lipinsky. One of the Institute's many goals is to provide public lectures and symposia on Jewish topics.

"Talking Peace" was made possible in part by generous grants from the Fred J. Hansen Institute for World Peace and the California Council for the Humanities, as part of its statewide California Stories Initiative. The Council is an independent nonprofit organization and a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information about the May 11 event, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

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